pilli-Kavu road. The balance was spent for metalling the road from Ernakulam to Trippunittura with granite in connection with His Excellency the Viceroy's visit.

Rs. 1,597 in Meenam 1105 for widening the road in connection with H. E. the Viceroy's visit.

Rs. 700 in Edavam 1105 for additional gravel collection for blinding.

Opening of a road connecting Erur road with Vyttila road.

9. **Mr. Thomas Manjuran.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. are the Government in receipt of the petitions, dated 18th Edavam 1104, 5th Makaram 1105, 29th Edavam 1105 respectively, signed by large numbers of people belonging to the villages of Erur, Vyttila and Irumpanam, in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk, about the necessity of opening a new road to connect the Erur road and the Vyttila road, through the Vyttila ferry;

2. has the Government taken any action on the petitions;

3. has the Government investigated into the matter; if so, what is their finding;

4. is the Government aware of the fact that the public pathway that formerly existed was closed when land was acquired for opening the Vyttila Cocoanut Farm;

5. has the Government ever done anything to give the public a substitute path; if not, why not;

6. has the Nadamel Village Panchayat reported favourably and insistently on the matter of the necessity of the road in question;

7. will the Government kindly place on the Table of the Council the orders passed on the petitions referred to supra?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. Yes. The road was found to be useful.

4. Yes.

5. Yes. A pathway has been ordered to be opened in 1106.

6. Yes.

7. Government do not think that any public purpose will be served by placing the papers no the Table.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—May I know whether this pathway has been budgetted for next year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Is there under contemplation the putting up of a bridge?

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Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The road is only up to the ferry.

Public tanks and wells in Pazhanji.

10. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many public tanks used for bathing purpose and maintained out of public funds there are in Pazhanji;

(b) whether "Puthenkulam" at Pazhanji is not a public tank;

(c) whether an estimate has not been prepared by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's Department for thorough repair of this tank?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Two.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

Special First Class Magistrates.

11. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of cases tried this year by the Special First Class Magistrate at Trichur;

(b) the names of taluk, or taluks under the jurisdiction of the above Magistrate; the number of cases tried by him from each taluk;

(c) the number of cases tried and disposed of by the First Class Magistrates at (1) Ernakulam and (2) Cochin in 1105;

(d) whether any allowance is being paid to any First Class Magistrate and if so, to whom is it given and how much is given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) 31.

(b) No local area has been defined and, as such, there is no special jurisdiction assigned to a Special First Class Magistrate. They are invested with powers only to try First Class cases which are transferred to them either by the Chief Court or by the District Magistrate. Of the 31 cases tried by the Trichur Special First Class Magistrate, 7 belonged to Trichur Taluk, 9 to Talappalli Taluk, 3 to Chittur Taluk, 10 to Mukundapuram Taluk and 2 to Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk.

(c) (1) 20.

(2) 25.

(d) No allowance is being paid to any Special First Class Magistrate.

Scarcity of water for the use of the Kunnamkulam Girls' High School.

12. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to remedy the scarcity

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